

OPERATION TO NEGRO WELFARE

Summed at Meeting to Organize Local Movement at Which 109 Are Present.

AN LEAGUE TO TRAIN WORKERS

Secretary of National Organization of Negroes Offers to Train Negro Workers for Social Service and Their Bobs in This City, with Other Crafter Opposes Winter Migration from South—Begins His Conditions.

The co-operation of whites and negroes for the social uplift of the latter, work and vicinity as the keynote, preliminary organization meeting of Negro Welfare League of Newark was held yesterday afternoon in Board of Trade rooms. About 109 persons attended. A board of managers was elected and three temporary managers chosen to act until permanent selection is made.

George Klundt Jones of New York, secretary of the National League Urban Conditions Among Negroes, the principal colored speaker. He said that this organization, made up of most intelligent and progressive element of young negroes, with offices in many cities, both in the North and in the South, would lend its aid and co-operation in every desired work to the local movement. He also offered to the Newark committee the services of a number of social workers maintained by the league in New

England. Negroes of this city, who devote their lives to social welfare among the people of their race would be nominated by the body, he said, and would be given first work by the league. Twenty scholarships for higher studies in the same profession would be liable under certain conditions. As negro, it is understood, offered take over the local campaign and do it through a small committee of men familiar with such material. It was found impossible to find the work undertaken by the other organizations and the most important it was the

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It is possible that in the future the national organization will largely consist of Negroes, which had been the case in the past. Mr. Jones referred to the possibility, and declared that he would welcome such affiliation, any case aid the Negroes to the extent of its ability.

Short talk was given by Officer Crafter, Miss Fendleton, Secretary of the Negro Welfare League, Supervisor of Negroes, Pendleton of the Bureau of Negro Charities. Others who took part in the discussion were Miss Lusk, Rev. Albert N. Smith, Rev. Orville M. Hendrickson, etc. The temporary officers were: Chairman, Augustus W. B. president of the Newark Pictures, Arthur W. Macdonald, Vice-chairman, of the Bureau of Negroes, Secretary, Rev. John H. Crafter, of the Negro Welfare League, Rutherford.

Dr. Crafter told of the number of pneumonia cases among negroes in this city, and the large immigration of negroes from the South to this city during the season of the year. He said it was nothing short of a negro to move from the South to the North in winter.

Mr. Bessert offered the services of the Tenant House Committee in helping away with the living conditions in which negroes are living in the present.

"It is hard for a colored man to secure decent living conditions due to the prejudice of landlords," asserted Mr. Bessert, "I have been forced to seek the best accommodations possible, and have not taken advantage of any landlord. The rents charged are high, and very little in the way of exchange for their services."

Miss Fendleton, who has been signed by the church, in improving the negro conditions, told of the difficulties facing the negroes in this city.

"They are forced to live in the same houses and when they get into them nothing but opposition is met. I have difficulties in getting Negroes to enter houses, the few exceptions the Negroes are employed in, either were their

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